Survey on potential places for Tourism

2249. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether an overall survey of our country was made to identify the potential places and their locations for tourism;

(b) if so, what is the programme of their development;

(c) whether it is a fact that even in prominent places of tourism, basic amenities like toilet, water supply, resting places, food facilities, wheel chairs, cloak room, suggestion note books, gift shops, parking area, etc. are lacking; and

(d) what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tourism had commissioned 20 Year Perspective Plan for the States, *inter-alia,* with the objective of identifying the potential tourist places in the States. As development of potential tourist destinations is primarily the responsibility of the State/UT Governments, the Plans were sent to States/ UTs for preparation of their development plans accordingly.

(c) and (d) The Perspective Plans have given an action plan for development of tourism in the States over a period of 20 years, which include providing basic facilities/amentities like toilets, water supply, parking areas, etc. The Ministry of Tourism also provides financial assistance to States for specific projects which are prioritized in consultation with them every year. These include projects for providing basic facilities at tourist places.

Allocation of funds for Sharine of Khawaja Moinuddin Chishti in Ajmer

†2250. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that world fame Shrine of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti is situated in Ajmer where millions of people from all over the country and world visit for prayer;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the surrounding area as well as the approach roads to this shrine require proper maintenance, cleanliness and beautification in order to maintain the significance and holiness of this world fame Shrine of Khwaja Garib-Nawaj;

(c) if so, the total amount allocated by the Central Government to the State Government during the last three years or the amount proposed to be allocated for this purpose; and

(d) if no, amount allocated, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development, maintenance, cleanliness and beautification of surrounding area of the pilgrim places including approach roads is the responsibility of the State concerned.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends Central financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs for development of tourism on the basis of projects identified in consultation with them every year for providing financial assistance under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects. Details of projects sanctioned for Ajmer during the year 2003-04 are as under:—

(Rs. in lakh)

S.No.	Name of Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Construction of Vishramsthali at Dargah Sharif at Ajmer	187.00
2.	Renovation of Vishramsthali at Pushkar Road, Ajmer	68.50

Tourism centre in China

2251. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India proposes to open a tourism centre in China to tap its huge potential;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and